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SUBJ: SOVIET REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS (ROB) PROPOSAL IN UNGA

1. IN A ONE-HOUR SPEECH OF ALMOST UNRELIEVED VAPIDITY SOV PERMREP MALIK OPENED GA DISCUSSION OF THE REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS (ROB) ITEM AFTERNOON OCT 15. CONTRARY TO PROMISE IN GENERAL COMITE MALIK FAILED TO ELABORATE ON OR EXPLAIN SOV PROPOSAL IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY. HE STRESSED THAT RECENT LESSENING OF INTER-NATIONAL TENSION WOULD FACILITATE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL AGREEMENT ON SIMILAR SOV PROPOSALS HAVING PROVED IMPOSSIBLE IN PAST. IN  
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DISCUSSING REQUIREMENT THAT ALL FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SC

PARTICIPATE IN REDUCTION OF BUDGETS, MALIK SAID REPEATEDLY THAT THESE FIVE COUNTRIES HAVE AN "IDENTICAL RESPONSIBILITY" FOR WORLD PEACE. MALIK MADE A PASSING REFERENCE TO US PROPOSAL FOR A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE (WFC), SUGGESTING THAT ROB AND WFC ARE INTERRELATED, SINCE SAVINGS OF THE KIND ENVISAGED IN ROB ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE FOOD FRONT. HE DENIED THAT MIDEAST WAR ANY REASON TO AVOID CONSIDERATION OF ROB, ON CONTRARY IT MORE URGENT THAN EVER.

2. POLAND (JAROSZEK) SECONDED SOV PROPOSAL IN A SHORTER BUT EQUALLY TIRESOME ORATION, FOLLOWED BY CHINA (CHUANG YEN) WHICH TOOK TWO MINUTES TO CALL ROB A FRAUD, REPEAT CHINESE OPPOSITION BOTH TO ITS DISCUSSION AND ITS PRIORITY ON THE AGENDA, AND PROMISED A MORE DETAILED EXPOSURE WHEN DEBATE ON ROB RESUMED. THERE WERE NO FURTHER ORATORS.

3. SMUN MINISTER OVINNIKOV APPROACHED MISOFF DURING PLENARY TO REGISTER SOV DISSATISFACTION WITH WHAT HE CALLED "CONFRONTATION LANGUAGE" USED BY AMB BENNETT ABOUT ROB IN GENERAL COMITE MEETING FRIDAY. IN FACT, BENNETT HAD MADE MILD INTERVENTION EXPLAINING US VIEWS FOR DEFERRING DISCUSSION OF ROB IN PLENARY UNTIL AFTER FIRST COMITE DISARMAMENT DEBATE. AT ONE POINT BENNETT SAID THAT IF ALL SOVS WISHED TO DO NOW WAS TO ELUCIDATE THEIR PROPOSAL FOR BENEFIT OF OTHER DELEGATIONS THEY MIGHT DO THIS IN FORM OF AMENDMENT TO GROMYKO SEPT 25 LETTER TO SYG. THIS SUGGESTION SEEMED PARTICULARLY TO HAVE STUNG SOVS HERE. MISOFF EXPRESSED SURPRISE TO OVINNIKOV THAT SOVS COULD HAVE LOOKED ON THIS AS CONFRONTATION LANGUAGE.

4. DISCUSSION OF ROB EXPECTED TO BE RESUMED AFTER FIRST COMITE DISARMAMENT DEBATE WHICH IS DUE TO END IN MID-NOVEMBER.  
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